

RECEPTION OF THE HOLY OILS

The *Roman Missal, Third Edition* has a new rubric at the end of the texts for the Chrism Mass.

15. The reception of the Holy Oils may take place in individual parishes either before the celebration of the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper or at another time that seems more appropriate.

The Missal does not provide a text for this reception. The USCCB Committee for Divine Worship, however, has adapted an earlier text that was part of the *Sacramentary Supplement* to the second edition of the Missal. This new text is accessible on the diocesan website at this link: <http://www.dio.org/uploads/files/Worship/Rites to Use/Parish Reception of Oils 2014.pdf>.

Here is the entire text.

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INTRODUCTION

1. It is appropriate that the Oil of the Sick, the Oil of Catechumens, and the holy Chrism, which are blessed by the Bishop during the Chrism Mass, be presented to and received by the local parish community.
2. The reception of the holy oils may take place **before** the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday or on another day after the celebration of the Chrism Mass.
3. The oils should be reserved in a suitable repository in the sanctuary or near the baptismal font.
4. The oils, in suitable vessels, are carried in procession by members of the assembly.
5. The oils are received by the Priest and are then placed on a suitably prepared table in the sanctuary or in the repository where they will be reserved.
6. As each of the oils is presented, the following or other words may be used to explain the significance of the particular oil.
7. The people's response may be sung.

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Presenter of the Oil of the Sick:

The Oil of the Sick.

Priest:

May the sick who are anointed with this oil
experience the compassion of Christ and his saving love,
in body and soul.

The people may respond:

Blessed be God for ever.

Presenter of the Oil of Catechumens:

The Oil of Catechumens.

Priest:

Through anointing with this oil, may our catechumens
who are preparing to receive the saving waters of Baptism
be strengthened by Christ to resist the power of Satan
and reject evil in all its forms.

The people may respond:

Blessed be God for ever.

Presenter of the Holy Chrism:

The holy Chrism.

Priest:

Through anointing with this perfumed Chrism
may children and adults, who are baptized and confirmed,
and Priests, who are ordained,
experience the gracious gift of the Holy Spirit.

The people may respond:

Blessed be God for ever.